

Miners Not to Accept Less Than 45.7 P. C.

New York, March 25.—While pressing their original demand for a 60 per cent wage increase, anthracite mine workers declared tonight they will not accept less than 45.7 per cent. Because of greater skill required in hard coal mines, these diggers until recent years received more pay than soft coal workers, according to officials of their union. This difference, however, has not been maintained and hard coal diggers declare they are entitled to 15-16 per cent. In addition to the 27 per cent wage increase just granted bituminous workers.

"We will not consider any wage scale unless it gives us at least 15-16 per cent. increase over the 27 per cent. wage advance awarded the bituminous men," said Philip Murray, international vice president.

Arguments and statistics to combat wage demands were presented by the operators at today's meeting of the sub-committee of miners and operators appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement in the anthracite field. After the data had been read into the record, the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

Following a conference of the general scale committee of the miners

today, an official circular was drawn up notifying the men in the anthracite fields to remain at work after April 1, as the operators had agreed to make "any wage award retroactive to that date" when the present contract will expire. The notice, signed by the president of the three districts comprising the hard coal region and Mr. Murray, were mailed to locals tonight.

"You are officially notified," said the circular, "to observe as in the past April 1 as a holiday by remaining away from work but after that day work is to be resumed, pending negotiations and in these negotiations it will be our aim to bring the matter to a conclusion as soon as possible."

Union officials explained that April 1 has for years been observed as a holiday in commemoration of the anniversary of the granting of the eight hour day in the coal industry.

Anthracite mine operators held a meeting here today which was attended by several employers besides those serving on the sub-committee. They issued no statement at the close of the conference, but it is understood that they discussed the course of procedure in presenting figures and data in rebuttal to the arguments already submitted by the mine workers.

SAYS THAT THE U. S. HAS ENOUGH PROBLEMS AT HOME

Boston, March 25.—The United States has sufficient problems at home without "reaching into the clouds or solving the unknown main to find the opportunity for altruistic service," declared Governor W. C. Sprague of Pennsylvania in an address before the New England Street Railway Association here tonight. He did not advocate, however, an attitude of complete aloofness in foreign affairs but enumerated a diverse programme of economic problems which should "occupy our best altruistic energies during the next generation."

Among the problems which Governor Sprague suggested as demanding immediate attention was the simplification and co-ordination of federal activities so that "non-producers may not thrive at the taxpayers' expense and that obsolete and unnecessary business may be eliminated." He also recommended a scientific re-writing of the tax laws. Declaring that there is a "crisis in our school system," Governor Sprague asserted that "if our educational system shall break down because of ill-paid teachers and poor equipment, there will be few proud chapters in the rest of our history."

A plea for a "helping hand" to encourage and protect the negro in his rights and rational aspirations also was made by Governor Sprague, who declared the problem "an altruistic stunt big enough for the biggest visioned men and women of America." The housing situation, the need for more roads, good roads, better transportation facilities, development of water powers, shipping and disposal of service men were among the other problems discussed by the governor.

He asserted that the Kansas experiment in law dealing with industrial relations will be carefully watched and "if a panacea has been found for the misunderstandings which cause so much loss in production and so seriously impede our industrial programme, we will have the dawn of a better day."

CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES NUMBER 27,850,264

New York, March 25.—The official Catholic directory for 1920, made public today, announces an increase of 184,224 in the membership of the church last year, bringing the total membership in the United States and its possessions up to 27,850,264.

The number of archbishops was increased from fourteen to sixteen, according to the directory, but the number of bishops was decreased by deaths. There was an increase of 1,379 seminarians. New parishes totaled 143, and two new orphan asylums were established.

The secular clergy now number 15,233, an increase of 237, while priests of religious orders number 21,019, an increase of 84.

Savages hunt for a living and civilized men hunt for easy jobs.

GENERAL MOTORS' DIVIDEND AT RATE OF 20 PER CENT.

New York, March 25.—Directors of the General Motors Corporation today declared a dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. annually on the old shares (par value \$100) and a dividend of the same rate on the new shares, which were issued on the basis of one for one of the old.

This represents an increase of 8 per cent. in dividend disbursements from the rate paid since 1915 and counts for the recent activity and meteoric movements of General Motors.

Announcement of the increased dividends was not made until after the close of the stock market, but such action seemed to have been fore-shadowed in the brisk advance of the old stock, which made a net gain of 18 points at 284.

Dividends on the old stock are payable quarterly at \$2.00 cash and one fourth in new shares. Holders of new shares (no par value) are to receive 25 cents in cash and one fortieth of a share of new stock.

It is planned to retire the old stock and hereafter dividends will be paid only on the new issue.

BRITAIN HAVING TROUBLE WITH COAL MINERS

London, March 25.—Premier Lloyd George, answering questions in the house of commons this afternoon with regard to the government's negotiations with the coal miners, said he could not usefully make a statement at present regarding the action contemplated by the government to stop exports and unnecessary consumption of coal throughout the country if the negotiations broke down.

The premier also said there was absolutely no truth in reports that the government had made arrangements to blockade the mining districts or mobilize the military. He expressed the hope that the house "will not accept these wild and mischievous statements," as there is not a word of truth in them.

TO INVESTIGATE PROFITS OF BEET SUGAR MANUFACTURERS

Washington, March 25.—An investigation of the profits made by the beet sugar manufacturers in the Colorado district was ordered today by the department of justice.

Audit of the sugar manufacturers' books was requested by the beet sugar growers who charged that the manufacturers were making exorbitant profits and that they were responsible largely for the present high prices. United States Attorney Tedrow at Denver was instructed to employ accountants and carry the investigation "to a conclusion with the necessary legal proceedings if such are shown to be necessary."

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